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Public Accounts Committee Room,

Quebec, May 9th, 1863.

The Sub-Committee to whom was referred the several accounts of Samuel B. Foote, for Stationery and materials furnished to the several Departments, beg leave to submit the following as their REPORT:

That they have had submitted to them all the accounts for Stationery and materials furnished the Government by the said Foote during the years 1861 and 1862.

That they have examined the Officers of the different Departments relative to the said accounts and find that there are claims to a large amount unsatisfied.

That from the evidence submitted to them it would appear that the sum of $7,000 have been advanced to the said Foote on account of work to be performed and goods to be supplied to the Finance and Customs Departments.

That goods to the amount of $1,593 have been supplied to the said Departments on account of said advances, and it appears from the evidence that the said Foote has a large quantity of Stationery &c., on hand, which had been ordered by the said Department by the Officers in charge, and which the present Finance Minister refused to accept.

That there appears to be two accounts of $8,138, and $881.50 respectively, against the Department of Crown Lands for Stationery and materials furnished that Department, pursuant to an order given by Hon. P. M. Vankoughnet a few days before leaving his office, which remain unpaid.

That the quantity of said Stationery was wholly unnecessary and the prices exorbitant; but, it appears the quantity and prices were duly certified by the Hon. P. M. Vankoughnet, and no objections made by any Officer of the Department to Mr. Foote, from the time of the delivery and acceptance of the same up to the present time.

That there are two unsettled accounts of $409.35 and $375.50 against the Inspector General and Post Office Department, respectively, which accounts appear to be correct.

That after deducting and allowing for all advances made by the said Foote, there appears to be a balance of $4,198 due him.

That the Committee have had a settlement of all the accounts with Mr. Foote, who has agreed to take the sum of $4,000 in full of all claims against the several Departments.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the said Foote be paid the sum of $4,000 on his giving a discharge of all claims against the several Departments.

Your Committee submit the accompanying evidence.

(Signed), JOHN WHITE,
Chairman.
(Signed), J. W. DUNSFORD,
(Signed), G. CARON,
(Signed). J. C. RYKERT,

I certify the above to be a true copy of Report of Sub-Committee of Public Accounts Committee.

THAD'S. PATRICK.